

First Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Serbia Ivica Dacic attended today an event commemorating the 15th anniversary of the crime committed against Serbian children in Gorazdevac, held in the "Kosmet Victims" memorial room.

On this occasion, Minister Dacic also signed a book of condolences in the memorial room.

"Viciousness of the terrorists who 15 years ago killed two boys in a mindless attack, seriously wounding four more child swimmers in the Bistrica River demonstrates the full magnitude of evil that Serbs have been facing in Kosovo and Metohija for decades.

We are confident that those who masterminded and carried out this heinous crime will not escape justice and that they will face the punishment they deserve", wrote Minister Dacic.

Speaking before the Association of Families of Kidnapped and Missing Persons in Kosovo and Metohija, families of the victims and the media, Minister Dacic underlined that this was one of the most horrific crimes perpetrated in the territory of Kosovo and Metohija, noting that incidents were still frequent there and the reason why the Serbs who had survived and remained in their ancestral homes continued to fear for their safety even today.

The Minister called on the provisional institutions in Pristina and on the international community to take measures to bring to justice both the perpetrators of the Gorazdevac murders and their sponsors, stressing in particular that any crime was punishable regardless of the nationality of either the perpetrator or the victim and that there must be no impunity for crimes, particularly not at the heart of the 21st century Europe.